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The Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D. C. 20505

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Dear Mr. O'Hara,

Thanks ever so much for your most thoughtful letter. I would be honored to accept the Honorary Degree from Bryant College at the formal Commencement Ceremonies on Saturday, May 21st. Additionally, I would like to accept your kind invitation to dinner the evening of May 20th.

After accepting your congratulations on my new assignment, may I pass on my congratulations to you. During my short stay in Rhode Island, as President of the Naval War College, I had the opportunity on several occasions to meet with Dr. Harry Evarts. They were all memorable and I was most impressed with the academic offerings of Bryant College.

Again, many thanks and I am looking forward to meeting you. All the best.

Yours sincerel

STANSFIELD TURNER Admiral, U.S. Navy

Mr. William T. O'Hara President Bryant College Smithfield, Rhode Island 02917



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Office of the President

March 10, 1977

Admiral Stansfield Turner Director of Central Intelligence Agency Washington, DC 20505

Dear Admiral Turner:

It is a singular pleasure for me as President of Bryant College to invite you on behalf of the Trustees, faculty, and students to receive the highest honor this institution can bestow at the formal Commencement Ceremonies on Saturday morning, May 21, 1977, on this beautiful campus, which I hear you have already visited as President of the Naval War College in Newport.

As a new President (I came to Bryant in September), I have been made aware by the Honorary Degree Committee of the significant impact you made on the educational and cultural life of our State; also that you cooperated with this College in advancing the graduate education of many MBA officer-students. I understand that this was an association of mutual benefit and pleasure to both of our institutions.

Your selection by the President of the United States to the important post of Director of the Central Intelligence Agency is a well-merited recognition of your talents and capabilities. We join the American people in congratulations and pleasure at this significant appointment.

This College, which has been a primary force in educating students for business leadership in New England for the past 113 years, would like to present you with an Honorary Degree in a tradition which goes back many years.

Bryant has presented Honorary Degrees to such distinguished Americans as the Honorable Charles Sparks Thomas, Secretary of the United States Navy; Lawrence G. Derthick, United States Commissioner of Education; Dr. Barnaby C. Keeney, President of Brown University; the Honorable Claiborne Pell, United States Senator from Rhode Island; the Honorable Abraham A. Ribicoff, United States Senator from Connecticut; Dr. Howard W. Johnson, President of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Gabriel Hauge of the Chase National Bank; Dr. Juanita M. Kreps, James Duke Professor of Economics, Duke University, presently United States Secretary of Commerce; Dr. Arthur F. Burns, Chairman of the Board of the Federal Reserve System; Malcolm S. Forbes, President of Forbes Magazine; and a long roster of many others.

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The Honorable John H. Chafee, who as Governor of Rhode Island, has visited this campus to bring the greetings of the State at Commencement, may have spoken to you about this impressive event. former Secretary of the Navy and presently United States Senator, he seemed very pleased at the idea of your revisiting Rhode Island and Bryant College.

I am enclosing last year's Commencement Program and a catalog to bring you up to date. The 1976 Commencement was attended by 7,000 including graduates, relatives, friends, and state and national dignitaries.

Should you give us the pleasure of accepting this invitation; you will receive details of this ceremonious occasion, which includes a formal dinner for Honorary Degree recipients the evening before on Friday, May 20.

May I have the privilege of hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Cordially,

William T. O'Hara

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